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## -In Brief- Ruggles Association schedules meeting

The Ruggles Association of United Methodist Men will hold their Spring meeting at the Ruggles Center on April 23, at 6:30 P.M. A light meal will be served before the program.

The guest speaker will be Principal John Whalen of Tellechea Christian School. President Shelby Osborne is urging all Methodist Men of the district to hear this dedicated man and his belief in Christian living.

Special music will be provided. Come for an inspirational evening.

## MSU to present "Senior Art Exhibit"

Morehead, Ky. -Morehead State University's Department of Art will present the "Senior Art Exhibit," April 29-May 13, in the main gallery of the Claypool Young Art Building.

The show is a requirement for individuals who are majoring or minoring in art. The students must have completed at least 30 credit hours.

The artists will be honored at an opening reception on Wednesday, April 29, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays. Additional information is available from Emma Perkins, gallery coordinator, at 606/763-5446.

## Crockett to attend meeting in Frankfort

Betty Fay Crockett has been invited to attend a meeting of the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission scheduled May 21-22 in Frankfort.

The meeting will also involve the Special Advisory Commission of Senior Citizens and Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs.

Crockett will participate in discussions concerning various issues of transportation, taxation, insurance, consumer affairs and health and human resources, as well as other topics of interest.

## Signs of abuse can be recognized

Although some forms of abuse and neglect are more difficult to detect than others, there are signs or indicators which singly or together suggest that a child may be in need of help. The key is in learning to recognize and alert to these indicators.

In many instances, the indicators will be environmental or behavioral, not physical. Children tend to act as barometers of the family environment.

To obtain more information about child abuse and neglect, call our toll-free number at 1-800-468-9200.

## High school hosts KIRIS pep rally Monday, April 20 Pictures page 41



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After the meeting, citizens were served lunch and Gilgigan conducted an annual routine quality check for Bluegrass Community Services.

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## Board not liable for sexual harassment

After a long battle in the courts, a recent Supreme Court ruling found that the Nicholas County School Board could not be held liable for sexual harassment by a teacher.

Sovereign immunity, which is a legal doctrine stating that the government cannot sue for damages, protected the school board from charges, the court ruled in a 4-3 split.

From 1977 to 1993, female teachers at the Nicholas County Elementary School reported continued harassment from a male teacher, Harry Spickler.

The teachers sued the school district for lack of productive involvement, stating that the board did nothing until another male teacher made a complaint.

Supreme Court Justice Joseph Lambert stated in his written opinion that although the actions by the teacher were "demeaning, crude and generally intolerable," the courts were required to abide by the constitution and that the board was immune to the charges.

Supreme Court Justice Janet Stumbo stated in her written opinion, "Are we then to assume that there is no prospect for relief for such egregious conduct? I certainly hope not."

Attorney for the Nicholas County Board, David Letcher, said that the battle had been continued for "several years" and that the board wished to make no other comments at this time.



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## Water district to conduct lead tests

The Nicholas County Water District recently failed to meet a deadline for submitting water samples to the EPA.

As a result, the District was found to not meet the regulations for lead content in public consumption water.

Bucky Bell, Office Manager for the Nicholas County Water District, stated in a recent telephone interview that forty new samples of copper and lead in the county water system and resubmitted by June 29, 1998.

Bell also indicated that the Nicholas County Water District will be conducting a second round of samples between June 30 and December 31 of this year.

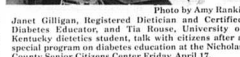


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Janet Gilgigan, Registered Dietician and Certified Diabetes Educator, and Tina House, University of Kentucky dietetics student, talk with citizens after a special program on diabetes education at the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center Friday, April 17.



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